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SUBJECT: TURKISH STATEMENT ON FORMATION OF IRAQI
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

¶1. On April 28, the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a statement on the formation of the Iraqi Transitional Government. Informal embassy translation follows:

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Turkish Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Information Department
No: 69
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Announcement

The ongoing process of forming the Iraqi Transitional Government is now completed, and having the new government start functioning today is a step towards the establishment of a democratic system in Iraq. We wish success to the Iraqi Transitional Government as it undertakes its important responsibilities during the political interim process in Iraq.

The Iraqi Transitional Government, which has been formed with the great support of the parliament, has the opportunity to make new beginnings in many areas. It is time for national reconciliation, to recover from injuries, and to create a common future for the Iraqi nation.

In the coming period, the process of drafting the constitution will be launched. The participation of all segments of the Iraqi nation to this process, keeping national interests in the forefront, and taking action on issues related to the common future of Iraq with spirit of togetherness are of vital importance. We expect that the United Nations, which is to contribute to the organization of elections, will undertake an active role in line with UN Security Council Resolution 1546 in the coming interim process.

Turkey will support actions taken towards the establishment of stability in Iraq in the coming period as well. Therefore, we will continue developing our cooperation and dialogue with all parties in Iraq, including with the Iraqi Transitional Government and the Parliament.

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¶2. Iraq posts minimize considered.

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